North Central Neighborhood Association August 5, 2010

Meeting called to order by Maggie Anderson, President.

Welcome and introductions around the table.

In attendance: 13 people

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Teddy Bear Parade on September 25th. Looking for volunteers to walk in parade with North Central Neighborhood Association Signs.
- Regarding the request for a booth at the Gresham Farmers Market, the city is still looking for participants from other associations before moving forward.
- Red Sunset Park Cleanups are scheduled for August 21, September 18, October 23, and November 13. At this time there is no cleanup to be scheduled in December.
- Other opportunities include pedestrian/bicycle counters on Springwater trail, park clean-up, park event participants and other such items which can be communicated via e-mail as requested.

Neighborhood Graffiti:

- There has been another influx of graffiti within our neighborhood including the gazebos at Red Sunset Park and down Cleveland Street. A letter is now available for residents to pass out to their neighbors explaining proper measures to take and resources available when made victims of tagging. Please contact Maggie to receive this letter via e-mail.
- A neighbor voiced concern for repeated vandalism at the Avalon Apartments located at 202nd and Burnside. It was requested the neighbor not personally remove vandalism from street signs as they may be damaged. It is requested if the graffiti is on a City sign to contact the city at 503-618-3000 for removal.

Speakers:

A representative for the new Cherry Park Library on the border of Gresham will attend our next meeting. It was requested Officer Cummins attend the next meeting to further discuss gang and graffiti matters.

Land Use Business:

- August 19th meeting to discuss the Habitat for Humanity homes to be built at 204th and Stark. It will consist of 10 more units similar to the existing homes. The meeting location is to be sent via e-mail once decided.
- The old Auto Depot site on the corner of Burnside is approved to become a 7-Eleven. They are approved to alter the existing building only.

- Mt. Hood Vision Center separation of property parcels has been approved.
- The Mount Hood Adult Day Center is moving forward as planned.
- There is no new information at the following locations: Gresham Toyota, Auto Zone or property alongside Olympic Gym.

Neighborhood Concerns:

- The former Goodwill building is available for rent. A neighbor expressed concern about previous parties at the location. They were directed to report any out of control parties in the future.
- Maintenance concerns at the vacant lot, formerly known as Izzy's were discussed. The weeds are very overgrown creating an eyesore for the community and generating concerns of criminal activity.
- The resident selling trees on 223rd still has a valid permit.

Next Meeting: September 2, 2010, 7:00pm at Gresham City Hall

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes of Meeting as Reported by: Tia Hough, Secretary NCNA